THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Reservation orders and 40% roster system are not applicable for promotion of Managers to senior levels n MMTC.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Export of Tea

1645. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of tea has declined during 1991-92;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

(c) whether the Government have adopted some new measures to increase the export of tea; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when these new measures are proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). From provisional information which is available, there has been no decline in the quantity of tea exported between April, 1991 to January, 1992 as compared to the period April, 1990 to January, 1991.

(c) & (d). With a view to boost up our exports of tea, the Darjeeling and Assam Logo Campaigns have been launched in UK in order to get the upper and of the market. Industry delegations have also been permitted to visit various foreign countries to develop international markets. Some of these delectations have also been led by senior officers from the Tea Board. Apart from this, financial incentives by way of excise duty refund, reduction in import duty on tea bagging machinery, exemption of export profits from income tax are already available.

Export of Video Games

1646. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to export Video games to Russia;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions thereof; and

(c) the value of the export of Video games for which agreement is proposed to be siged?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). There is no specific proposal to export video games to the Russian Federation by the Government as per the Trade Protocol, 1992 signed between the two countries.

Bharat Electronics Limited Unit at Kakand

1647. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to establish a plant of Bharat Electronics Limited at Kakanad in Kerala for the production of equipment for naval physical oceanography Laboratory; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b). Bharat Electronics Limited proposes to set up a Service Centre at NPOL, Cochin, for the maintenance and calibration of underwater transducers.

Acquisition of land for Defence Factories in Andhra Pradesh

1648. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: